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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Y. Sakagami et al. ) Prior Appln. Group Art Unit: 1653  
Serial No.: Not yet assigned ) Examiner: Gupta, A.  
(Divisional of 09/373,995) )  
Filed: Concurrently )  
For: PLANT GROWTH FACTOR )

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-17 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 18  
and 19 as follows:

18. (Amended) A plant growth factor peptide obtained by collecting cells from  
liliaceous plants, incubating the collected cells in a plant cell cultivation medium, and  
separating said plant growth factor peptide from the cells through centrifugation.

19. (Amended) A plant growth factor peptide, wherein the plant growth factor  
peptide has the following physico-chemical properties: